







IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Borders et al.

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PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF

RECONSTITUTABLE BEAN PRODUCTS

Examiner: Lien Tran

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Mail Stop: Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Communication in Response to Office Action

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2004 ("Office Action"),

Applicants submit a petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) in order to keep the above-referenced patent application pending so that a new patent application may be filed properly claiming priority to the above-referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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